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THE  
**PROCEEDINGS**  
OF THE  
**MESSENGERS, ELDERS,**  
AND  
**Representatives,**  
OF THE  
**General Baptist Churches,**  
IN KENT, *R*  
AT  
*AN ASSOCIATION*  
**HELD AT CRANBROOK,**

May 6, 1817.

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A Sermon was preached by Brother G. C. Pound, from  
90th. Psalm, 17. 18. verses.

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*Messengers Present,*

**BRETHREN S. KINGSFORD, R. PYALL,  
B. MARTEN.**

*Chairman,*

**SAMPSON KINGSFORD.**

*Moderators,*

**JOHN BRENT and FRED. MORRIS.**

CHURCHES	ELDERS	REPRESENTATIVES.
Canterbury.....	Sampson Kingsford	{ M. Kingsford W. Ledger
Smarden and } Staplehurst }	..... B. Austen	{ W. Thomas P. Chapman
Cranbrook .....		{ W. Buss T. Pawson R. Pethurst
Headcorn.....	R. Pyall	{ W. Boorman J. Thorp R. Harris
Dover .....	B. Marten	{ G. C. Pound F. Morris J. Marsh J. Pay
Chatham.....		T. Good
Deptford.....		J. Brent
Bessells Green .....		M. Harding
Yalding.....		.....
Hythe.....		.....
Ramsgate.....		.....
Deal .....		.....

1—With respect to the Burial Ground at Tonbridge Wells, we have to report that a wall appears necessary, which we recommend to the immediate attention of the Trustees. The mortgage-deeds, &c. of these



premises are at present deposited, together with the residue of the money, in the hands of our friend Mr. Joseph Dobell.

2—The report respecting Sunday Schools in our Churches where they are established, is again of a flattering kind.—Our friends Messrs. Cundill and Tribe have not yet been able to produce any particular plan for this purpose, but the attention of our friends is requested to the following Books as suitable to be adopted in such institutions. viz.

The Sunday Scholars' First Book, by Mrs. M. Hughes, .....	6d.
Mrs. Barbauld's Hymns.....	6d.
Dr. Watts's Hymns for Children, altered.....	6d.
Turner's Abridgement.....	2s.
Dr. Carpenter's Geography of the New Testament	4s.

all of which are sold by D. Eaton, High Holborn.

3. Our friend Mr. Sampson Kinsford agreeably to appointment, has laid the case relative to a new collection of Hymns before the assembly, and we further report that this collection is now completed, published and ready for distribution. Most of our Churches in Kent have adopted it, and we are happy to find that it is so generally approved.

We beg leave to return our thanks to our friend Mr. Samuel Dobell, for his prompt and vigilant attention to this business.

4. Agreeably to appointment, Mr. Michael Kingsford has drawn up a plan of a Benefit Society, but as we apprehend that our friends are not sufficiently acquainted with the design of this most excellent and useful object; we therefore agree to refer it to the further consideration of each individual church.—And we request that every friend present will carefully examine the plan, to suggest any necessary alteration for the purpose of carrying the same into effect, and to report thereon at our next association.

And we beg leave to return our best thanks to Mr. Michael Kingsford, for the great attention which he has given to the subject, and for the excellent plan which he has submitted to our consideration.



5. Agreeably to the recommendation contained in the 7th minute of last proceedings, a list of questions has been submitted,—and we request the friends who have prepared the same to arrange them as they think most proper and present them at our next Association.

6. Our friends at Dover being in a flourishing state, and straitened for want of room in their place of public worship, have concluded to build a new Chapel. They estimate the expence at £1700. They have collected amongst themselves or have in hand, £1109.

As they have on all occasions been ready to assist others, they now solicit the liberality of the churches, to aid them in the raising £590. We having taken their case under consideration, recommend it to the attention of our churches, not doubting but they will meet with the same liberality, as they have shewn to others.

7. We have to inform the Societies in our connection, that Mr. Thomas of Smarden, is in want of a situation as a Minister and Schoolmaster.

8. Resolved that one part of our present Association Book be appropriated to the purpose of inserting a list of the writings of our different Meeting Houses, and any other memorial or document relating thereto; and we request that our friends will communicate to our next Association, in whose hands, or in what place their several writings are deposited.

9. The next Association to be held at Bessells Green on Tuesday three weeks before Whit Tuesday, 1818.

10. The Association Sermon to be preached by Brother William Moon, and in failure of him, by Brother Benjamin Marten.—Service to begin at half past nine o'Clock.

11. A Sermon the preceding Evening by Brother William Dobell, and in failure of him, by Brother Samuel Dobell.—Service to begin at half past six.

12. The Association Book to be deposited in the hands of Brother Joseph Dobell.

(Signed), SAMPSON KINGSFORD, Chairman.

JOHN BRENT,  
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1st TIM. 4, 12.

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